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IAMSLIC Activities

President's Column

One important role for an IAMSLIC president is to communicate the organization's business to membership. The recent structural changes are slowly playing out in the regional groups. The site selection committee continues its work. The call for grant cycle 2 proposals will be completed by the time you read this. The Aquatic Commons may be live, or close to its official roll-out. Throughout this newsletter you'll see the work of the organization in the reports from regional groups and committees.

As the call for nominations will go out this summer, I can't help but reflect on the composition of our organization and wonder where the next generation of officers will come from. Our president-elect, Barb Butler, has a gleam in her eye about an institute for newer members to learn about involvement in the organization. Although it may be optimistic to expect a Butler Institute in the same year she's planning a conference, I hope it won't be too many years before it comes to fruition.

There is currently an ongoing executive board discussion of IAMSLIC's role in supporting members' attendance at annual conferences. In recent years a

large portion of IAMSLIC funds were devoted to this support. Our treasury is now modest. The emerging regional group structure allows each region to decide how they want their funds used and it may not always be to send their representative to conference. However, conference support, especially for developing country members, is and will continue to be an organizational priority. To identify and codify what was previously an informal process handled primarily by our intergovernmental organization members, we are in the process of creating and appointing a task force to recommend strategies and sources for obtaining external funding to support developing country members' attendance at annual conference.

And finally Jimmy Buffet and limpkins are on my mind. For those of you not familiar with Jimmy Buffet and the Coral Reefers, including his loyal fans referred to as parrotheads, you might want to glance at <http://www.margaritaville.com> in advance of Sarasota. I'm especially looking forward to a promised glimpse of what for me would be a life bird - thanks Fred.

Joan Parker

IAMSLIC 2007 Conference: Changes on the Horizon

33rd Annual IAMSLIC Conference & 17th Annual SAIL Meeting
October 7-11, 2007 Sarasota, Florida, USA

Registration for this year's conference opens on June 1 2007. For more details, go to <http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=150> .

IAMSLIC Membership News

Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming the following new members

Marielle Bouilde
IFREMER
France

Christopher Kinner
NOAA Miami Regional Library
U.S.A.

Lilian Espinal
CINVESTAV del IPN Unidad Merida,
Mexico

Jackie Papke
NOAA NMFS Panama City Laboratory
U.S.A.

Eddie Marahare
Forum Fisheries Agency
Solomon Islands

Dawn Bassett
Vancouver Aquarium
Marine Science Centre
Canada

Vivianne Martin-Le Berre
IFREMER
France

Lisa Haddow
University of Stirling
United Kingdom

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Instituto del Mar del Peru (IMARPE),
Peru

Liudmila Tarasova
Sakhalin Research Institute of Fisheries
and Oceanography (SakhNIRO)
Russia

Vesna Tomic
Hydrographic Institute
Croatia

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Devonian Library
Canada

Lidiya Vinogradova
Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas,
Odessa Branch,
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Desarrollo Pesquero (INIDEP),
Argentina

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Institute of Hydrobiology,
Ukraine

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Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Panama

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Marine Hydrophysical Institute,
Ukraine

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Honorary Membership awarded to Pauline Simpson

The Membership Committee was happy to nominate Pauline Simpson for an IAMS LIC Honorary Membership. Pauline was IAMS LIC President in 1998/99 and hosted the 21st Conference in 1995 "Information across the waves: the world as a multimedia experience". She has also served on many IAMS LIC Committees, including Conference Committees. Pauline has been instrumental in the move towards the Aquatic Commons and she has always shared her serious dedication to her profession with the members of IAMS LIC.

The Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Pauline by Stephanie Haas during a free moment at the Open Repositories Conference in January 2007. Pauline retired from her full time post at

the National Oceanography Centre (UK) at the end of 2006 - fortunately she is not 'retiring' from IAMS LIC. She is an active member of the Aquatic Commons Board and we hope that she will continue to share her expertise even in 'retirement'.

The big question is - will we ever see Pauline in those red cowboy boots? Some of our IAMS LIC colleagues freely admit to nipping out of the occasional Conference presentation to do a bit of shopping. Apparently Pauline was spotted buying red cowboy boots in Galveston - allegedly for her daughter. But we guessed at the truth - a secret line dancer in our midst and we never knew it!

Jean Collins

Greetings from Oostende

Gabriela Silvoni (Argentina), Patricia Muñoz (Chile) and Catalina Lopez-Alvarez (Mexico), members of IAMS LIC Latin Group, are participating in the E-REPOSITORIES Course being held at Oostende, Belgium (23-28 April 2007), supported by ODINCARSA/IOC-IODE. Other participants, are Olga Akimova and Denys Slipetsky (Ukraine), Josette Confait (Seychelles), Satya Ranjan Sahu (India),

Tipamat Upanos (Thailand) and Cheikh Ibrahima Sakho (Mauritania). The objective is training trainers for OCEANDocs. The goal is to introduce the IOC marine repository nationally and regionally.

'Saludos cariñosos' from the L.A. Regional Group

LA Regional Group

I am pleased to tell you that the LA Regional Group was at the XII COLACMAR Congress, Florianopolis, Brasil, April 15-19, our most important Latin American Marine Sciences Meeting held every 2 years, where more than 3000 research scientists are already registered.

The Congress President, Dr. Fernando Diehl has kindly gave us a free space for a STAND (6 m²) or exhibitor, where I will promote IAMSILIC.

Also I was invited to a 'Mesa Redonda' on: Problems in Publishing of Didactic-Teaching-Promotional Books in Marine Sciences (Monday morning), and luckily my institution has supported my participation.

I am trying to contact IAMSILIC Brasileian librarians and those from Florianopolis, or near by places dedicated to marine sciences.



Guillermina Cosulich

Reaching Brazilian Librarians and Latin American Research Scientists

TRYING TO REACH BRAZILIAN LIBRARIANS AND LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH SCIENTISTS- XII COLACMAR (Latin American Marine Science Congress, Florianopolis, Brasil, 15-19 April, 2007)

We made repeated efforts to participate at COLACMAR and finally we've attended!

This, most important, Latin American Marine Sciences Congress is held every 2 years. Thanks to the kind contribution of the President of the XII COLACMAR, Dr. Fernando Diehl, our Regional Group was for the first time visible among the

almost 3000 scientists and students participating, with a 6m² stand at the Conventions Exhibition Hall.

The stand was titled 'Latin American Libraries'. It was the place where people made contacts; where a directory of Brazilian libraries was updated; where posters and leaflets were handed out and

taken to their librarians. It became a friendly Meeting Point where scientists learned what they were missing because they didn't yet have an IAMSLIC librarian at their institution.

The material distributed included:

(1) POSTERS: before going to COLACMAR, a poster was designed at INIDEP with phrases and strength-ideas suggested by the Latin American Regional Group through the e-list

(2) LEAFLETS: some with information on how to become an IAMSLIC member, and others on services provided by SIDALC-IICA, OCEAN-DOCS and ASFA.

We hope this strong promotion among Brazilian Scientists will reach Brazilian Librarians with positive feedback for IAMSLIC.

The next COLACMAR will be held during 2008 in CUBA, what an opportunity then for Cuban IAMSLIC librarians !

Guillermina Cosulich
Latin American Regional Group
Coordinator

Other Activities of Interest

Tribute to Jim Anderson

Friends celebrate Jim Anderson's life and the ties that bind

LIFE OF STUDY: At the memorial potluck for Jim Anderson, everyone in attendance wore a necktie.

And every tie was carefully marked on the back with a Roman numeral, designating its chronological position in

Anderson's vast catalog of recycled cravats.

About 30 tie-wearing friends gathered Sunday to share memories of a scientist who worked for many years as a biologist and a biosciences librarian at UAF. He died Feb. 6 of Lou Gehrig's disease at age 66. - [Read this article online](#)

Videos of Caribbean coral reefs

From coral-list

I am not sure if this is of use for anybody, but at least it deserves to be mentioned: I recently obtained all available underwater scuba films made by the Austrian naturalists Hans and Lotte Hass. Some of their films go back as early as 1942, and particularly one film in colour (in either German or English language) from the early fifties, shows what the coral reefs in southern parts of the Caribbean (e.g. Curacao) looked like. For example, it is interesting to see the pure lack of bleached corals. Most of their underwater films are available on DVD from Amazon.de. The quality of these films are, of course, not up to the standards of today's underwater movies from National geographic, Discovery and other similar channels, but for their time they are of a rather high quality.

Mike Arvedlund

www.coralportal.com

From Coral-list

I have been a subscriber to CORAL LIST for some time now and I noticed repeated questions often asking for the same references. In light of this and recent posts regarding such issues, I have set up a website which I think has the potential to deal with such queries. The website hosts a forum split into subject areas (coral-related) where people can ask for and post references. The idea of the site is to compliment CORAL LIST by being a resource for 'reference questions'.

The site is called "coralportal" and its address is simply www.coralportal.com

Sebastian Hennige

Electronic Records Summer Camp

(SAA Sponsored)

August 6-10, 2007

Held at University of California,
San Diego (UCSD)

La Jolla, California

<http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/summercamp.asp>

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Archivists with a good understanding of archival principles and techniques who need basic, practical, hands-on training to apply those principles to records in electronic form.

Richard Marciano

New Hopkins web pages

Hopkins Marine Station switched over to a newly designed set of web pages. Check them out when you get a chance. Major thanks go to Chris Patton who did much of the work and all of the coding.

Note that the top level page has the same URL it always had, so links to that page should continue to work. However, almost all the other pages have new URLs (we eliminated a sub-directory to simplify the URLs). This means if you had any "deep links" into the Hopkins pages they will no longer work.

There is one page in particular that I suspect many of you may have a "deep link" to -- the page that provides career information.

The new URL is:

<http://hopkins.stanford.edu/careers.htm>

For this particular page, we have set up a temporary page to forward you to the new URL. This will eventually go away, so please update the URL on your web pages if you link to this page.

Joe Wible

Odds & Ends

Copyright Determinator

At the Portland conference last October, I gave out a URL to the "Copyright Determinator" that let you search book titles to determine if copyright had been renewed for books published between 1923 and 1963. Books published during this time period are no longer under copyright unless the copyright was renewed. Since then, the database has

been officially launched. Below is an article from the "Stanford Report" about the database and web page. The URL that I gave in my PowerPoint has changed (argh!!!). The new URL is: <http://collections.stanford.edu/determinator/>

Joe Wible

Directory of Open Access Journals

Another free resource, which might be useful ...though some might be aware of it's existence.

Here's the blurb: "This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. We aim to cover all subjects and languages. There are now 2587 journals in the directory.

Currently 773 journals are searchable at article level. As of today 127546 articles are included in the DOAJ service."

And here's the URL:
<<http://www.doaj.org/>>

Must say I really like this push towards open access!

Anand Kochunny

Heron Island Research Station Burns Down

A fire at the Heron Island Research Station off the coast of Australia has devastated one of the premier scientific facilities on the Great Barrier Reef.

Read more at:

<http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2007/404/2>

Highlights of 2005 global capture production

Highlights of 2005 global capture production as reported to FAO

Total capture production

Global capture production in 2005 was 93,253,346 tonnes, a decrease of 1.1 million tonnes in comparison with the revised 2004 total of 94,363,635 tonnes.

Marine capture production

Total marine production in 2005 decreased by 1.8 million tonnes in comparison with 2004 data. On this occasion, only a portion of this variation is due to the usually highly variable catches of the Peruvian anchoveta (-0.5 million tonnes, -4.3 in percentage). Another reduction of about half million tonnes came from countries affected by the tsunami (see below for further details).

Fishing areas

In comparison with 2004, major decreases (over 5%) occurred in Western Central Atlantic, Northwest Atlantic, Eastern Indian Ocean, Southeast Atlantic and Southeast Pacific. The only fishing area where catches increased more than 5% was the Northeast Pacific Countries. Among countries reporting total catches over 250,000 tonnes in 2005, major negative variations (over 10%) were reported by Turkey, Denmark, Pakistan, Chile and Senegal. Increases of total marine catches over 10% were reported by Ecuador and Germany.

Tsunami effect

Countries more affected by the devastating tsunami of 26 December 2004 reported significantly decreased catches in 2005: India -6.1%, Indonesia -18.3%, Malaysia -12.1%, Sri Lanka -48.5%, Thailand -10.6% (all data referring to total catches in area 57-Eastern Indian Ocean). On the other hand, capture production increased in Myanmar (that has been reporting an average 6% yearly increase in the Last five years), Maldives

and Seychelles, where the majority of capture production comes from tuna catches.

Species groups

Tunas and cephalopods marked a new maximum in 2005 (at 6.2 and 3.9 million tonnes respectively). Shrimps decreased by 3.7% in comparison with the 2004 maximum ever at 3.5 million tonnes. Elasmobranch catches dropped by 5.8%, a decreasing trend no longer masked by improvements in reporting shark statistics that reached a plateau.

Inland capture production

Global inland capture production was 9,535,304 tonnes in 2005, the highest ever reported. This represents an increase of 0.6 million tonnes (+7.3%) in comparison with 2004, with total production now at 8,889,184 tonnes after substantial downward revisions by India and Pakistan. Countries reporting major 2005 increases in percentage were Nigeria, Cambodia, Russian Federation, and India.

Data reporting to FAO

The divide between countries submitting sound capture statistics to FAO within the annual deadline and those reporting incomplete/unreliable information or not reporting at all increased for the 2005 inquiry.

It should be noted that not only do developing countries encounter problems in compiling fishery statistics but also several developed countries have increasing difficulties in reporting reliable data in a timely manner. Major areas in which the rate of submission decreased in comparison with the previous year were the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Luca Garibaldi

Risk assessment tools for GBR & Coral Sea

Recently, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has been collaborating with CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research and the Bureau of Meteorology to produce new products to both nowcast and forecast coral bleaching events and impacts in the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea. This work builds on the highly acclaimed Hotspot family of products developed by the NOAA Coral Reef Watch team, lead by Alan Strong and Mark Eakin.

1. ReefTemp: ReefTemp is a mapping product that provides nowcasts of bleaching risk in the Great Barrier Reef region through an interactive Google Earth application. ReefTemp images are updated daily and include the raw SST, positive SST anomaly, the Degree-Heating Days, and a new thermal stress index, the Heating Rate, all calculated at 2km resolution.

The ReefTemp product and more information can be viewed on the ReefTemp webpages at:

<http://www.cmar.csiro.au/remotesensing/gbrmpa/ReefTemp.htm>

Technical report describing the development of ReefTemp:

http://www.cmar.csiro.au/remotesensing/gbrmpa/pdfs/ReefTemp_TechnicalOverview.pdf

Links to the minimum system requirements (such as a 3D graphics card and >512mb RAM) to run the new versions of Google Earth (ReefTemp requires at least version 4.0.2091 - Sept 2006) are available on the ReefTemp site. For those that cannot run the interactive product, current static images of the stress indices are available on the 'Launch ReefTemp Now!' webpage.

2. POAMA Experimental GBR SST Forecasts: The Predictive Ocean and Atmosphere Model Australia (POAMA) working group at the Bureau of Meteorology Research Centre in Melbourne have worked with the GBRMPA to adapt outputs of their climate model to provide forecasts of anomalous SST in the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea. Plots are provided on the website with lead times of 0-3 months, here: http://www.bom.gov.au/bmrc/ocean/JAFOOS/POAMA/exproducts/poama_v10/gbr_rt.htm

Skill plots for the POAMA GBR Forecasts show high skill values for these intraseasonal forecasts and can be found at:

http://www.bom.gov.au/bmrc/ocean/JAFOOS/POAMA/exproducts/poama_v10/gbr_skill.htm

For further information or to share comments and ideas, please contact:

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Jeffrey Maynard

Declaration of Reef Rights

In honor of the International Year of the Reef in 2008, Reef Check Foundation has issued an URGENT CALL TO ACTION represented in the International Declaration of Reef Rights, viewable at

<http://www.reefcheck.org/petition/petition.php>

Please sign the document today and circulate widely!

Publications of Interest

Publishing a Specialty Journal

Thought folks would be interested in this presentation from the recent BioOne publishers and partners annual meeting:

The Journal of Crustacean Biology: Publishing a Specialty Journal (Jeffrey Shields, The College of William & Mary, The Crustacean Society) Available at: http://www.bioone.org/pdf/Meeting_2007_7.pdf

Jeff Shields, President of the Crustacean Society, presented a candid portrait of his society's revenue and expenses. Despite the attrition of traditional subscriptions, the Society's annual return has increased, in large part due to rising BioOne income, which now accounts for more than 12% of the total society revenue.

Ruth Gustafson

Setting knowledge free

I came across this amazing resource, and wanted to share it with others:

MIT's OpenCourseWare:
<http://ocw.mit.edu/index.html>

There is an OpenCourseWare Consortium (<http://www.ocwconsortium.org/>) if you're interested.

While the educational institutions won't confer degrees or facilitate interaction with their academic staff, these resources allow interested students (with Internet access, of course!) access to the course materials of some of the best universities in the world ...

Knowledge is finally being set free!!! To add a few more links to the Open Course topic, you may also be interested in checking out:

Utah State University--
<http://ocw.usu.edu/>

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health--
<http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

Tufts University-- <http://ocw.tufts.edu/>
SOFIA Project-- <http://sofia.fhda.edu/>
Carnegie Mellon--
<http://www.cmu.edu/oli/>

There is also an open course site, at <http://www.opencourse.info/>, and another at <http://www.ocwconsortium.org/use/index.html>

The latter lists international open course opportunities.

On a side note, it was amazing to see the rigorous requirements MIT places on its students. The reading/viewing list for a course called From Zen to Pop was undoubtedly the equivalent of two undergraduate courses here at the University of Arizona. I suppose, though, that's how MIT gets its stellar reputation--quality and quantity.

Jessica Browning

Open Access and the Progress of Science

Greetings from the Aquatic Commons Board

Alma Swan's article "Open Access and the Progress of Science" is in American Scientist (the journal) May-June Issue 2007:

<http://www.americanscientist.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/55131>

Lisa Raymond

ICRAN Newsletter

We are pleased to present the sixth ICRAN Newsletter, detailing ICRAN news from its network of projects, partners and events covering coral reef issues held over the last year.

In the interests of those with low email capacity the newsletter has not been attached. Please click on the link below to view or download a copy (pdf, 13.3MB).

<http://www.icran.org/newsletter/6.pdf>

If anyone experiences any problems downloading or would prefer a hard copy, please forward your details and I would be happy to send it to you.

Terri Young

Ciencias Marinas

Ciencias Marinas (Journal of Marine Sciences) -- Table of Contents Alert

A new issue of Ciencias Marinas has been made available.

We invite you to review the Table of Contents here, and then visit our Web site and register to review articles of your interest.

Thanks for the continuing interest in our work,

Dr. Alejandro Cabello-Pasini Editor

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Welcome to our April News. We offer a further selection of new titles for both marine and freshwater specialists, and a few small items of antiquarian interest. Expanded details for these titles cover images, and secure online ordering can be found on our website. All of these titles, and more, are in the 'New to Shop' catalogues. Please contact us directly for any special arrangements.

www.stevensimpsonbooks.com

Environmental Guide for Tourists in the Mexican Caribbean

The aim of the Green Guide is to arm both tourists and the tourist industry with the basic tools necessary for the protection of the region's fragile ecosystems. It includes conservation guidelines relating to sea turtles, coral reefs, mangroves, seagrasses, cenotes (or sinkholes), lagoons and beaches. It also offers good practices recommendations for sport fishing, recreational boating and hotel and restaurant management.

The Green Guide was designed to be a permanent manual of reference in hotel rooms throughout the Mexican Caribbean. It was published with the financial support of the Mexican National Commission for Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System project (MBRS project), Project Aware and many small local businesses.

In order to view the Green Guide, go to: www.mexiconservacion.org or contact us at info@mexiconservacion.org.

FAO publications

We have produced a couple of new items which can be provided free of Charge to Libraries who provide a full mailing address.

Guidelines on digital publishing: a practical approach for small organizations with limited resources Wilkinson, S.; Collins, J. FAO FishCode Review No. 20 Full text at <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/010/a0976e/a0976e00.pdf>

The FishCode Programme also produced a small brochure: AQUATIC COMMONS - Improving information for responsible fisheries and aquaculture which can be downloaded ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/brochure/fishcode/cofi_2007/FAO_fishcode_aquatic_comm ons.pdf

Or if you need print copies for distribution to promote the Aquatic Commons please let me know.

Yet another CD ROM compilation of in-demand out-of-print FAO publications. Remember that these are intended for places and individuals with poor Internet access so if you need several copies for distribution let me know:

FAO publications and reports on inland fisheries and aquaculture. Version 1. CD-ROM of some 300 publications.

Also - we still have some print copies of the following for anyone interested:

Webster, J.G., Collins, J. 2005. Fisheries information in developing countries. Support to the implementation of the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. FAO Fisheries Circular. No. 1006. Rome, FAO. 127p.

Jean Collins

Algae ID book

There is a new algae ID book for marine algae and plants in Hawaii, but would be of use to anyone working within the tropical Pacific area.

Report No. UNIH-SEAGRANT-BA-03-02
ISBN 1-929054-04-1

Huisman, J.M., Abbott, I.A. and C.M. Smith. 2007. *Hawaiian Reef Plants*. University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program.

J. Charles Delbeek
www.waquarium.org

Octocoral Taxonomy Publication

I would like to announce the recent release of the Octocoral Taxonomy Laboratory Manual. It is a hands on manual for the identification of octocoral genera primarily from the tropical Pacific with some additional Caribbean genera. The information it contains was compiled from the International Workshop on the Taxonomy of Octocorals, 2005 in Kerala, India. The layout of the manual offers taxonomic techniques, equipment use, and brief descriptions of genera with photographs and line drawings.

It is designed to be a companion to the book Soft Corals and Sea Fans (Fabricius and Alderslade, 2001).

The free PDF file is available for download at the following link:

http://octocoralresearch.com/library_LO_C_Ref_Links.htm

Any questions, comments, or suggestions are welcome. Please share your thoughts on the Forum page of the Octocoral Resource Network at:

<http://octocoralresearch.com/>

Michael P. Janes

Reef Restoration Guidelines

I spent a ridiculous amount of time trying to verify the title, publisher and location of this title. I thought it might be of interest to many of you.

http://www.gefcoral.org/Portals/25/workgroups/rr_guidelines/rrg_fullguide.pdf

Reef Restoration by Alasdair Edwards and Edgardo Gomez

Concepts & Guidelines: Making sensible management choices in the face of uncertainty.

Kristen L. Metzger

Old Seaweed Books

In seeking a specific rare book, I saw a book dealer website offering a sea weed book collection of 38 books most of which have actual specimens, half of them being scholarly works, from the 19th century. You can see the collection fully illustrated at www.zuckerartbooks.com

Click on "Sea Weed Collection" at bottom of right hand column. Contact Matthew Zucker at

Matthew@zuckerartbooks.com for pricing.

Peter Brueggeman

The Sponges of California

Here's a new book that you probably won't discover through your normal book vendor sources. Welton Lee, the first author, is a Hopkins graduate and currently at the California Academy of Sciences. This is a great key (265 pages long) with an additional 130 pages of instruction, definitions, species lists, etc. It comes in a loose-leaf binder, and for \$40 it is a real bargain. Go to the URL below to see how to order a copy.

The Sponges of California : A Guide and Key to the Marine Sponges of California
By Welton L. Lee, David W. Elvin, and Henry M. Reiswig
\$40

<http://home.comcast.net/~vtinfsys/vispublications.html>

Joe Wible

Update on Denis Abbott

As many of you are aware Denis Abbott and his wife Barbara were involved in a car crash in Tasmania at the end of April. Barbara was killed in the accident and Denis is recovering in the Royal Hobart Hospital. Denis was a very active

member of IAMSLIC until his retirement last year and holds an honorary IAMSLIC membership. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Denis, his two sons James and Farley and Barbara's mother.

Editors' bubble

The May Issue has traditionally been open content and as usual it is an eclectic mixture. As well as write ups on what's happening in IAMSLIC, we collect snippets we find interesting and hope you will enjoy them too. We also try to include items from various lists that we think are

applicable or worth repeating. If you have preferences for what goes in this issue (or any other issue) please tell us. We would like to see more stories and pictures of people in action, such as Guillermina's COLACMAR report. Is this what you would like?

Megan & Jackie

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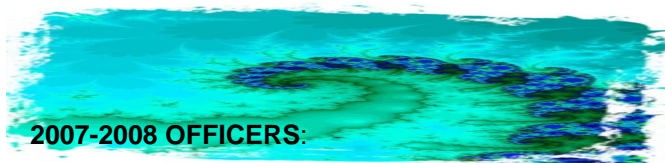
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